permanent membership to India, Germany and Brazil in the Security Council of the United Nations Organisations;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the mutual co-operation in different fields between India and Japan is likely to be adversely affected; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. Japan, along with India, Germany and Brazil, constitute the G-4, which had introduced a framework resolution for the reform and expansion, in both permanent and non-permanent categories, of the United Nations Security Council, in the last Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). After consultations within the G-4, this resolution was re-tabled by India, Germany and Brazil in the current UNGA Session. Japan continues to be positively involved in these consultations.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Implementation of Akshay Urja Dukan

t*280 SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme of public participation in the development of "Akshay Urja Dukan";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the districts and the States where this scheme would be implemented and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources has introduced a new scheme to support the creation of a network of retail outlets in the form of Akshay Urja Shops for sale and service of solar energy and other renewable energy products. Support is available in the form of soft loans for setting up the shops alongwith a recurring grant linked to performance of the shops over a specified period. The shops can be established by reputed NGOs, State Nodal Agencies, manufacturers' associations and private entrepreneurs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Under the earlier scheme, 104 Aditya Solar Shops have been set up in 28 States/UTs.

(c) It is proposed to establish Akshay Urja Shops in all the districts of the country. Initially it is planned to support the setting up of 200 shops next year in those districts where Aditya Solar Shops have not been set up under the earlier scheme.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Atomic Energy Production

1781.PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to set up more Atomic Energy Plants with the latest safeguards available in the international market;

(b) the details of plans to increase atomic energy production in the next five years;

(c) the obstacles in increasing energy production from atomic energy sources; and

(d) the steps proposed to improve the sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently construction work on 8 nuclear power reactors is in progress, which on completion will add 760 MWe in 2006-07,1660 MWe in 2007-08, 1000 MWe in 2008-09 and 500 MWe in 2010-11. Thus the current nuclear power capacity of 3360 MWe will be increased to 7280 MWe in the next five years.

(c) Exploitation of indigenous nuclear resources for production of electricity is based on three-Stage nuclear power programme. The three stages have fuel cycle linkages and have to be gone through sequentially. This require time.

(d) In addition to the capacity of 7280 MWe in operation/under construction, more nuclear power projects are also planned to progressively increase the nuclear capacity base in the country.